

GUIDE TO THE HELEN WICKS REID FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Collection Abstract: Photographs (ca. 1893-1898) documenting the activities of the family of Helen Wicks Reid in Brooklyn and Port Washington, New York.

Collection Title: The Helen Wicks Reid Family Photographs

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1893-1898

Size: 1 Box (.75 l.f.)

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INTRODUCTION:

Helen Wicks Reid was the daughter of John Van Pelt Wicks, a Brooklyn dentist who purchased a house in Port Washington, New York sometime in the late 1800's. The Wicks home (later occupied by Helen and her husband) was located at the intersection of Bayview and Carlton. Helen was married to Howard B. Reid shortly after World War I. Helen Wicks Reid operated a dance school and was a founder of the Players Club of Port Washington. John Van Pelt Wicks died in 1920. His wife lived until 1945.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection contains approximately 180 photographs dated 1893 to 1898, and documents the Wicks family in Brooklyn and Port Washington. The photos are housed in one album (13 inches x 10 inches) and a folder of loose photographs. The photos include Brooklyn scenes, such as Prospect Park, the ruins of the Brooklyn Tabernacle ("Burned down May 13, 1894"), family and group portraits. Although some of the photos are captioned, there are many unidentified photos of beaches, houses, boats, family members, and an amusement park. Some humorous photos include two scenes in a dental office, three men dressed as women, and a man dressed as a baby. Photographs of local interest include the Wicks home, a fireman in the uniform of the Atlantic Company, the Mill Pond in Port Washington, and the Roslyn Clock Tower.

OTHER SUBJECTS:

Brooklyn, New York
Prospect Park, Brooklyn (NY)

BOX LIST:

Box 1

Photo Album (ca. 165 photos)
One folder of loose photographs (17 photos)